

# **Opportunity Zones:**

## **Nomination Instructions**

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## 1. Introduction

On December 22, 2017, Congress amended the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) by adding Sections 1400Z-1 and 1400Z-2. These sections provide tax benefits to investors that reinvest certain specified gains into Qualified Opportunity Funds that in turn deploy these resources into population census tracts designated as Opportunity Zones.

The authority to implement IRC §§1400Z-1 and 1400Z-2 has been delegated to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The CDFI Fund is supporting the IRS with the Opportunity Zone nomination and designation process under IRC §1400Z-1.

This document provides the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of States (including the District of Columbia and U.S. possessions) with instructions for nominating low-income community (LIC) population census tracts and eligible non-LIC contiguous population census tracts in their States as Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs) for purposes of IRC §1400Z-1. In general, the CEO of a State must nominate census tracts to be QOZs not later than March 21, 2018 (the determination period). Furthermore, the Secretary of the Treasury has 30 days beginning on the date a nomination is received to certify the nomination and designate the nominated tracts as QOZs (the consideration period). See IRS Rev. Proc. 2018-16 [Internal Revenue Bulletin 2018-9](#) for more information.

## 2. Extension Requests

A State CEO may request, and receive, an extension of the QOZ determination period for an additional 30 days to April 20, 2018. In addition, a State CEO also may request, and receive, a 30-day extension of the consideration period.

If the State wishes to extend either the determination or consideration period, or both, the State must submit a formal request signed by the State CEO on executive letterhead. This letter should be sent as an attachment by electronic mail to [OpportunityZone@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:OpportunityZone@cdfi.treas.gov).

The letter from the State CEO should include the following language:

[Title]  
[State CEO]  
[Address]

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The [State/Commonwealth/District/Territory] of [State] formally requests under section 1400Z-1(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code that the Secretary extend for an additional 30 days the [determination and/or consideration] period to nominate a population census tract for designation as a qualified opportunity zone.

### **3. Identity of Tracts Eligible for Designation as Qualified Opportunity Zones**

Based on 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year data from the United States Census Bureau (Census Bureau), there are a total of 31,848 LIC population census tracts (LIC Tracts) and 10,312 eligible contiguous non-LIC population census tracts (Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts) that meet the statutory requirements for designation as QOZs.

In the fall of 2017, the Census Bureau released the 2012–2016 ACS 5-Year data. However, due to the March 21, 2018, deadline for State CEOs to nominate census tracts for designation as QOZs, and the complexities of incorporating the most recent data information into the eligibility process, the Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool utilizes the 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year data. In addition, the 25 percent limitation on the number of designations in a State will be determined using the 2011–2015 ACS 5-Year data.

In the event that a census tract deemed eligible under the 2011-15 ACS 5-Year data is no longer eligible under the more recent 2012-16 ACS 5-Year data, States may rely upon the census tracts listed as eligible in the Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool provided to State CEOs as eligible tracts for the purposes of IRC §1400Z-1.

In addition, States may nominate census tracts eligible under the 2012-16 ACS 5-Year data that are not already identified in the Nomination Tool. See additional instructions below for nominating census tracts using 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year data.

### **4. Nominating Qualified Opportunity Zones**

To nominate QOZs, a State CEO should use the Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool (the Nomination Tool), which can be found on the CDFI Fund website at <https://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/ozonestateresource.aspx>. The Nomination Tool includes separate lists of all LIC Tracts and Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts, including Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts whose eligibility is based on contiguity with a LIC Tract located in a different State.

In addition to the Nomination Tool, the State will need to submit a letter from the State CEO, on executive letterhead, confirming that the census tracts identified in the Nomination Tool represent the official nomination of the State CEO. See additional instructions below.

#### **4.1 Nomination Tool**

##### **4.1.1 Information on the State and Authorized Representative**

In the worksheet labeled “Information,” enter the information requested for the State and the Authorized Representative who prepared the Nomination Tool. In addition to the name of the State and the State CEO, **the Authorized Representative must enter the “State Unique Opportunity Zone Code.”** This code can be found in the March 5, 2018, letter from CDFI Fund Director Annie Donovan to the State CEO transmitting information on the Nomination Tool and is intended to ensure that the information submitted is authorized by the State CEO.

**Figure 1: Information Tab**

Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool Basic Information	
<b>State Information</b>	
State Name	
State Chief Executive Officer	
State Opportunity Zone Unique Code	
<b>Contact Information for Authorized Representative Who Prepared the Nomination Tool</b>	
Name	
State Agency/Office	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
Street 1	
City	
State	
Zip Code	

#### **4.1.2 State Level Summary**

The worksheet in the Nomination Tool labeled “SUMMARY” shows the total number of LIC Tracts in each State, the maximum number of census tracts that can be nominated as QOZs, and the maximum number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts that can be included in that nomination. For example in the figure below, Alabama has a total of 629 LIC Tracts. The maximum number of total tracts that can be nominated as QOZs in Alabama is 158 (25 percent of the 629 LICs, rounded up to the next whole number) and the maximum number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts that can be included in the total nominated is 8 (5 percent of 158, rounded up to the next whole number).

**Figure 2: State Level Summary**

Please note that the worksheet tests provided below are solely for the convenience of the State and to provide assistance with the nomination process, and are not determinative. The Internal Revenue Service will make the final determination and designation of each State's Opportunity Zones after reviewing the State's nomination.											
1	FORMULAS   DATA Connections Refresh All+ Properties Edit Links	A) Total CLICK "DATA" MENU "REFRESH ALL"	B) Maximum Number of Tracts That Can Be Nominated (the greater of 25% of All LICs or 25 if State has fewer than 100 Tracts in State)	C) Maximum Number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts That Can Be Among the Nominated Tracts (5% of Column C) if the State Maximizes the Number of its Nominations	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated	Number of In-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	3) Number of Cross-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	Total Tracts Nominated	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 25% TEST? (Number of tracts designated may not exceed 25% of number of LICs in the State)	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 5% TEST? (Not more than 5% of tracts designated may be Non-LIC Contiguous tracts)
2	State	A) Total Number of LIC Tracts (LICs)	B) Maximum Number of Tracts That Can Be Nominated (the greater of 25% of All LICs or 25 if State has fewer than 100 Tracts in State)	C) Maximum Number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts That Can Be Among the Nominated Tracts (5% of Column C) if the State Maximizes the Number of its Nominations	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated	Number of In-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	3) Number of Cross-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	Total Tracts Nominated	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 25% TEST? (Number of tracts designated may not exceed 25% of number of LICs in the State)	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 5% TEST? (Not more than 5% of tracts designated may be Non-LIC Contiguous tracts)
3	Alabama	629	158	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Alaska	55	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	American Samoa	16	25	See Note	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Arizona	671	168	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Arkansas	340	85	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	California	3516	879	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Colorado	501	126	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Connecticut	286	72	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Delaware	80	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	District of Columbia	97	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

This worksheet will also auto-populate based on the number and type of census tracts a State selects for nomination and can be used to test whether the nomination falls within the statutory limits on the number of nominations. (See additional instruction below.)

#### 4.1.3 Nominating LIC Tracts

To nominate an LIC Tract, States should use the worksheet in the Nomination Tool labeled “1) LICs.” This worksheet includes a list of all LIC Tracts and can be filtered by State. To nominate a specific LIC Tract, find the census tract and type or select the word “Yes” next to that census tract in Column C (labeled “Enter “YES” Below to Nominate LIC”).

The example below shows that an Authorized Representative has selected the State “District of Columbia” (using the Filter in the red square below and typing the name of the State in the text box) and has nominated census tracts 11001000201 and 11001000202 by typing the word “YES” in the adjacent column.

**Figure 3: 1) LICs**

A	B	C
<b>Click arrow to filter state</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>Low Income Communities (LICs)</b>	<b>Enter "YES" Below to Nominate LIC</b>
District of Columbia	11001000201	YES
District of Columbia	11001000202	YES

#### 4.1.4 Nominating Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts

To nominate an Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract, States should use the worksheet in the Nomination Tool, labeled “2) Contiguous.” This worksheet includes a list that can be filtered by State, of all Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts. Next to the list of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts is a list of all LIC Tracts whose status as a QOZ would make the contiguous tract eligible for nomination and designation. In cases where an Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract is adjacent to more than one LIC Tract, at least one of the listed LIC Tracts must be nominated to make the non-LIC Tract eligible for nomination. Column D notes whether the Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract may include eligibility based on contiguity with an LIC Tract in a different State.

To nominate a specific Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract within the same State, find the census tract and type or select the word “Yes” in Column E (labeled “Enter "YES" Below to Nominate Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract). In addition, in Column F, enter the tract number of the corresponding contiguous LIC Tract that the State is nominating. The contiguous LIC Tract also must be nominated in the “1) LICs” worksheet, following the steps for nominating LIC Tracts described above.

The example below shows that a user has selected the State “District of Columbia” (using the filter feature and typing the name of the State in the text box) and has nominated census tracts 11001000100 and 11001000202 by typing the word “YES” in Column E. In addition, for the nomination of census tract 11001002102, the user identified census tract 11001009508 in Column F as the contiguous LIC Tract that is also being nominated and has been selected in the “1) LICs” worksheet.

**Figure 4: 2) Contiguous**

A	B	C	D	E	F
Enter the Tract Number of Corresponding Contiguous LIC					
Click arrow to filter state	Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts	Contiguous LICs (NOTE: An Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract may be nominated only if one or more of its corresponding Contiguous LICs is also nominated)	Additional Cross-State Nominate Eligible Non- Contiguous LIC	Enter "YES" Below to Nominate Eligible Non- Contiguous Tract	Enter the Tract Number of Corresponding Contiguous LIC
State			LIC Tract?	LIC Contiguous Tract	Nominated
District of Columbia	11001000100	11001000202,11001005600	NO	YES	11001000202
District of Columbia	11001002102	11001009508,11001001901,11001002201	NO	YES	11001009508

States may also nominate Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts whose eligibility is based on a LIC Tract in another State by using the worksheet in the Nomination Tool, labeled “3) Cross-State.” This worksheet includes a list that can be filtered by State of all such tracts, next to a list of the LIC Tracts, and the State in which each tract is located, whose status as a QOZ would make the contiguous tract eligible for nomination and designation. Column E notes whether the Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract may also be eligible based on contiguity with an LIC Tract in the same State.

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***IMPORTANT: Please note that an Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract that qualifies based on contiguity with another State may be nominated only if the corresponding contiguous LIC Tract is nominated by the State in which the contiguous LIC Tract is located. Cross-state nominations will require coordination and confirmation that the contiguous State has nominated the contiguous LIC Tract.***

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To nominate a specific Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract, find the census tract and type or select the word “Yes” in Column F (labeled “Enter "YES" Below to Nominate Eligible Cross-State Non-LIC Contiguous Tract). In addition, in Column G, enter the tract number of the corresponding contiguous cross-state LIC Tract that has been or will be nominated by the contiguous State.

The example below shows that a user selected the State “Alabama” (using the filter feature and typing the name of the State in the text box) and nominated census tract 01069041800 in Alabama by typing the word “YES” in Column F and 12063210100 in Column G. For this tract

to be eligible for nomination, the State should confirm that Florida has also nominated the LIC Tract 12063210100.

**Figure 5: 3) Cross-State**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
<p><b>NOTE:</b> An Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract may be nominated only if one or more of its corresponding Contiguous LICs is also nominated. Cross-state nominations require confirmation that the contiguous state has nominated the Contiguous LIC.</p>						
<p>Click arrow to filter state</p>						
Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract State	Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract	Contiguous Cross-State LICs	LIC State	Available?	Enter "YES" Below to Nominate LIC	Enter the Tract Number of Corresponding Contiguous Cross-State LIC
Alabama	01069041800	12063210100, 13099090500	Florida, Georgia	NO	YES	12063210100
<p>Nominated</p>						

#### 4.1.5 Nominating LIC Tracts Based on 2012-2016 ACS Data

As noted above, the census tracts listed in the Nomination Tool are based on 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year data and are eligible tracts for the purposes of IRC §1400Z-1, meaning that if a State nominates one of the tracts identified in the Nomination Tool as being either an eligible LIC Tract or an Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract, a State's nomination of that tract will not fail to be certified on the grounds that the tract is no longer eligible under the 2012-16 ACS 5-Year data.

If a State wishes to nominate an LIC Tract that is not identified in the Nomination Tool but that is eligible under the 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year data, the State may do so using the worksheet labeled “4) 2012-2016 ACS.”

Please note that 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year data may be used to nominate only LIC Tracts that meet the definition of an LIC Tract based on poverty and/or the median family income of that tract. Nominations of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts must be based on the 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year data as presented in the Nomination Tool.

To nominate a specific LIC Tract based on the 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year data, select the State and census tract in Columns A and B, and type or select the word “Yes” next to that census tract in Column C (labeled “Enter “YES” Below to Nominate LIC”). In addition, to support the State’s claim that the selected census tract meets the definition of an LIC, enter the following additional information on that tract (see Census Factfinder for ACS 2012-2016 data sources<sup>1</sup>):

- 2012-2016 Tract Poverty Rate (Column E)<sup>2</sup>
- 2012-2016 Tract Median Family Income (Column F)<sup>3</sup>
- 2012-2016 State Median Family Income (Column G)<sup>4</sup>
- 2012-2016 Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) Median Family Income (Column H)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau ACS variable S1701.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau ACS variable B19113 for census tracts.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau ACS variable B19113 for states.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Census Bureau ACS variable B19113 for Core Based Statistical Areas.

- Metro/Non-Metro (Column I)<sup>6</sup>

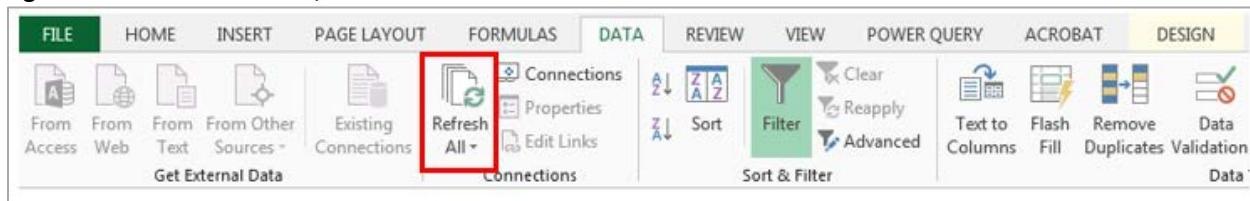
#### 4.1.6 Tract Number Changes

The worksheet labeled “Tract Number Changes” includes a list of selected census tracts whose numbering was changed by the US Census Bureau between the 2010 census tract definitions and the 2015 census tract definitions. States may use either set of numbers. These changes do not include tracts with post-2010 geographic boundary changes.

#### 4.1.7 Testing Nominations in the Summary Worksheet

After the State selects its nominations by completing the worksheets in the Nomination Tool, the nomination can be tested by returning to the Summary worksheet and clicking the “Refresh All” button in the “Data” tab in the menu ribbon. The Summary table will then indicate the number of LIC Tracts and Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts nominated and whether the nomination falls within the statutory limits.

**Figure 6: Data Menu Ribbon, “Refresh All”**



If the total number of tracts nominated (as determined by adding the numbers in Columns E through H, and as indicated in Column I) do not exceed the statutory limit indicated in Column B, then Column J will show that the nomination passes the 25 percent test. Similarly, if the total number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts nominated (as determined by adding the numbers in Columns G and H) do not exceed the statutory limit indicated in Column D (or 5 percent of the total tracts nominated if the State does not maximize its nomination), Column K will indicate that the nomination passes the 5 percent test. In contrast, if in either case the number of tracts nominated exceed the statutory limits, the worksheet will indicate that the nomination fails one or both tests.

The example below shows that the District of Columbia nominated 16 LIC Tracts and two Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts. The worksheet indicates that this passes the 25 percent test because the 18 tracts nominated is less than the maximum of 25 tracts allowable for the State. In this case, the State still can nominate seven additional tracts. However, the worksheet also indicates that the nomination fails the 5 percent Contiguous Tracts test. The two Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts nominated exceeds the statutory limit of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts, which can make up no more than 5 percent (rounded up to the next whole number) of the total nomination (or no more than two Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract for the District of Columbia if the total nomination consists of at least 21 tracts).

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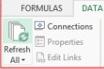
<sup>6</sup> See OMB BULLETIN NO. 17-01: Revised Delineations of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Micropolitan Statistical Areas, and Combined Statistical Areas, and Guidance on Uses of the Delineations of These Areas.  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/>

**Figure 7: Refreshed Summary Tab**

Please note that the worksheet tests provided below are solely for the convenience of the State and to provide assistance with the nomination process, and are not determinative. The Internal Revenue Service will make the final determination and designation of each State's Opportunity Zones after reviewing the State's nomination.											
		B) Maximum Number of Tracts That Can Be Nominated (the greater of 25% of All LICs or 25 if State has fewer than 100)	C) Maximum Number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts That Can Be Among the Nominated Tracts (5% of Column C) if the State Maximizes the Number of its Nominations	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated (2011-2015 ACS)	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated (2012-2016 ACS)	Number of In-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	3) Number of Cross-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	Total Tracts Nominated	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 25% TEST? (Number of tracts designated may not exceed 25% of number of LICs in the State)	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 5% TEST? (Not more than 5% of tracts designated may be Non-LIC Contiguous tracts)	
CLICK "DATA" MENU "REFRESH ALL"	A) Total Number of LIC Tracts in State	97	25	2	16	0	2	0	18	PASS	FAIL
District of Columbia											

In this case, the State could return to the Contiguous worksheet of the Nomination Tool and deselect one of the nominated tracts, and nominate an additional LIC Tract in its place, or nominate at least two additional LIC Tracts. After doing so, returning to the Summary worksheet and refreshing the results the worksheet would indicate that the new nomination passes the test.

**Figure 8: Revised Refreshed Summary Tab**

Please note that the worksheet tests provided below are solely for the convenience of the State and to provide assistance with the nomination process, and are not determinative. The Internal Revenue Service will make the final determination and designation of each State's Opportunity Zones after reviewing the State's nomination.											
		B) Maximum Number of Tracts That Can Be Nominated (the greater of 25% of All LICs or 25 if State has fewer than 100)	C) Maximum Number of Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts That Can Be Among the Nominated Tracts (5% of Column C) if the State Maximizes the Number of its Nominations	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated (2011-2015 ACS)	Number of LIC Tracts Nominated (2012-2016 ACS)	Number of In-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	3) Number of Cross-State Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts Nominated	Total Tracts Nominated	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 25% TEST? (Number of tracts designated may not exceed 25% of number of LICs in the State)	DOES OPPORTUNITY ZONE PASS 5% TEST? (Not more than 5% of tracts designated may be Non-LIC Contiguous tracts)	
CLICK "DATA" MENU "REFRESH ALL"	A) Total Number of LIC Tracts in State	97	25	2	19	0	1	0	20	PASS	PASS
District of Columbia											

*Please note that the worksheet test is provided solely for the convenience of the State and to provide assistance with the nomination process and is not determinative. The Internal Revenue Service will make the final determination and designation of each State's Opportunity Zones.*

#### 4.2 Letter from the State CEO

Once the Nomination Tool is complete, the State CEO must confirm that the census tracts identified in the Nomination Tool represent the official nomination of the State CEO. This may be done in the form of a letter, on executive letterhead, signed by the State CEO. The letter from the State CEO should include the following language:

[Title]  
[State CEO]  
[Address]

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

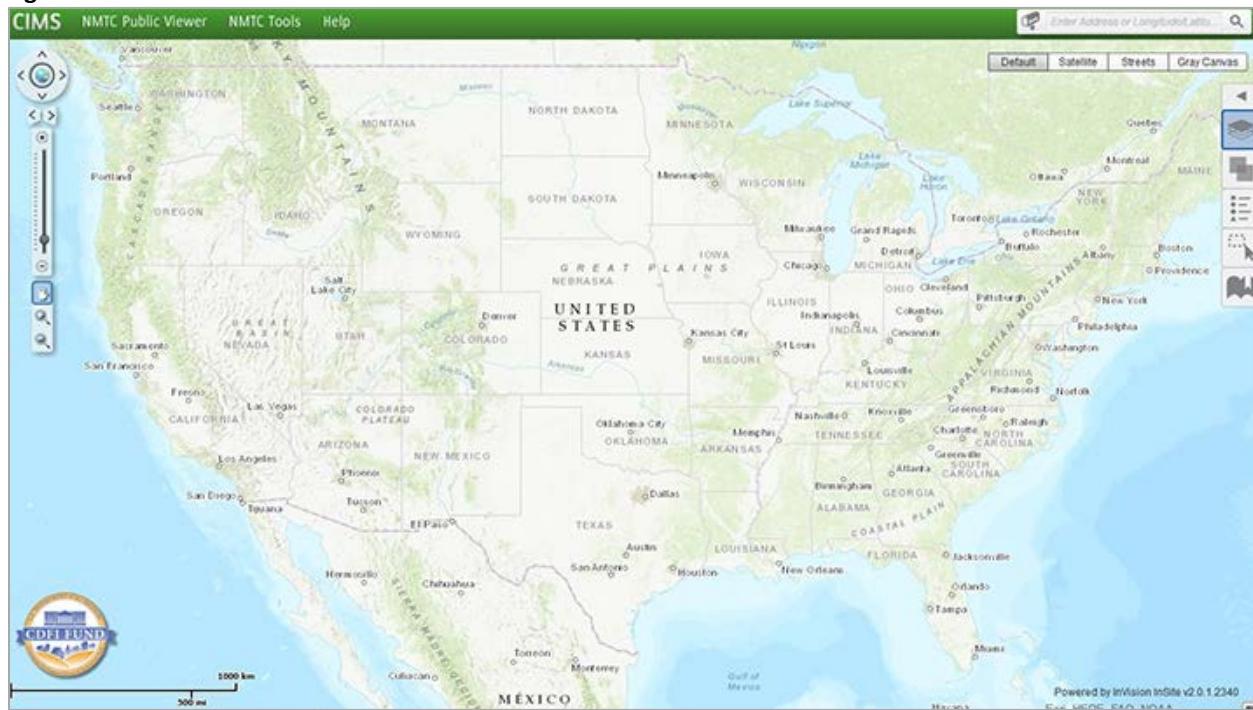
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Section 1400Z-1(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that a State's chief executive officer may nominate a limited number of low-income community population census tracts and population census tracts that are contiguous to low-income communities for designation as qualified opportunity zones not later than the end of the determination period. The determination period ends March 21, 2018, unless there has been a request for an extension until April 20, 2018, by the chief executive officer of a State under section 1400Z-1(b)(2) of the Code. This letter serves as notification to the Secretary that the [State/Commonwealth/District/Territory] of [State] formally nominates the tracts identified in the accompanying Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool for designation as qualified opportunity zones based on Revenue Procedure 2018-16 published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin 2018-9 on February 26, 2018.

## 5. Visualizing Individual Census Tracts

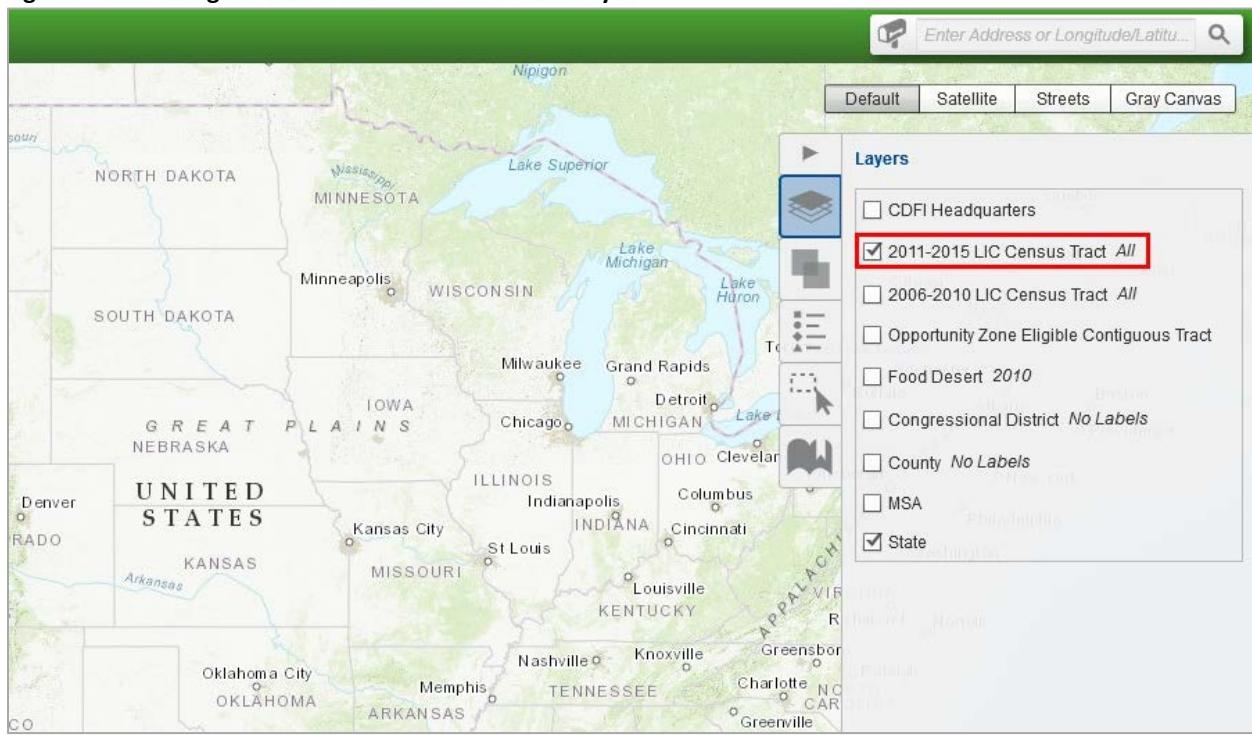
As an added convenience and tool for selecting their nominations, States may use the CDFI Fund's Community Investment Mapping System ([CIMS](#)) to visualize LIC Tracts and Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts on a map. To use CIMS, click the link above or go to [https://www.cims.cdfifund.gov/preparation/?config=config\\_nmtc.xml](https://www.cims.cdfifund.gov/preparation/?config=config_nmtc.xml).

**Figure 9: CIMS**



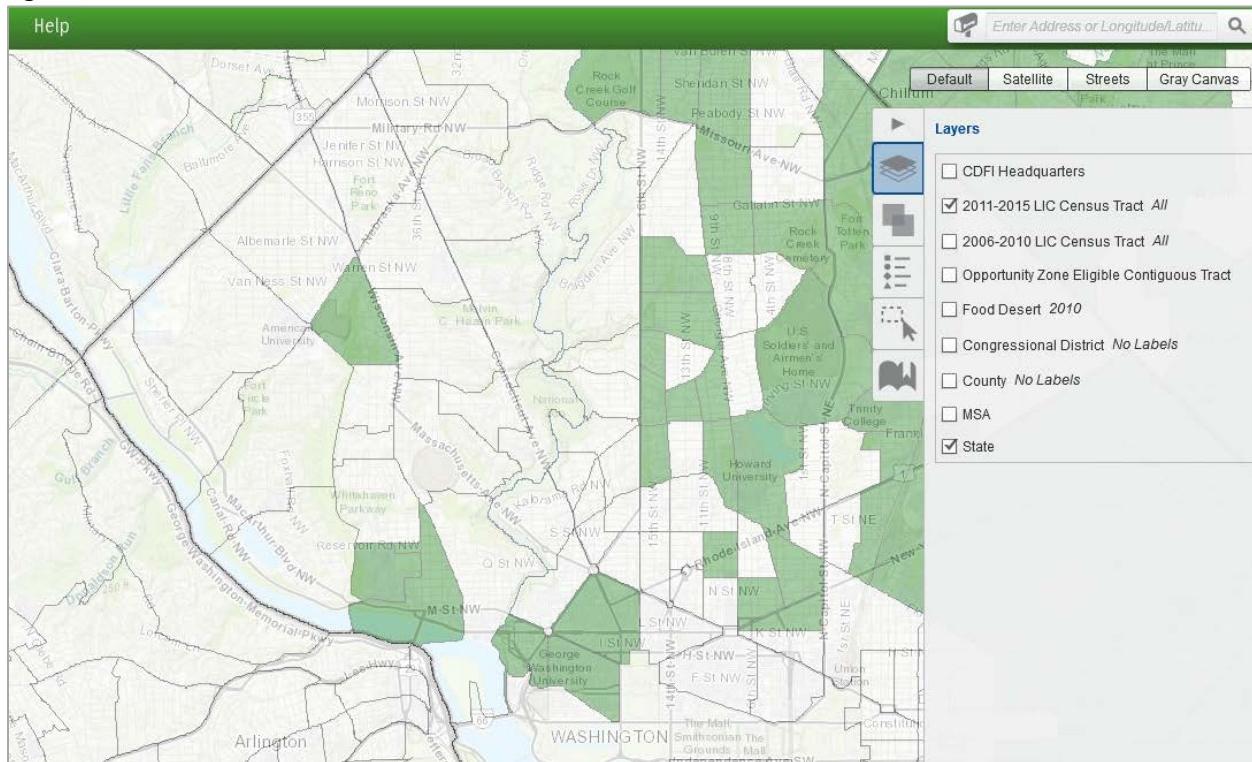
To view LIC Tracts, click on the “Layers” tab on the menu on the right hand side of the screen and select “2011-2015 LIC Census Tract.”

**Figure 10: Selecting the 2011-2015 LIC Census Tract Layer**



After zooming in to a specific area on the map, LIC Tracts will appear in green.

**Figure 11: 2011-2015 LIC Census Tract View**

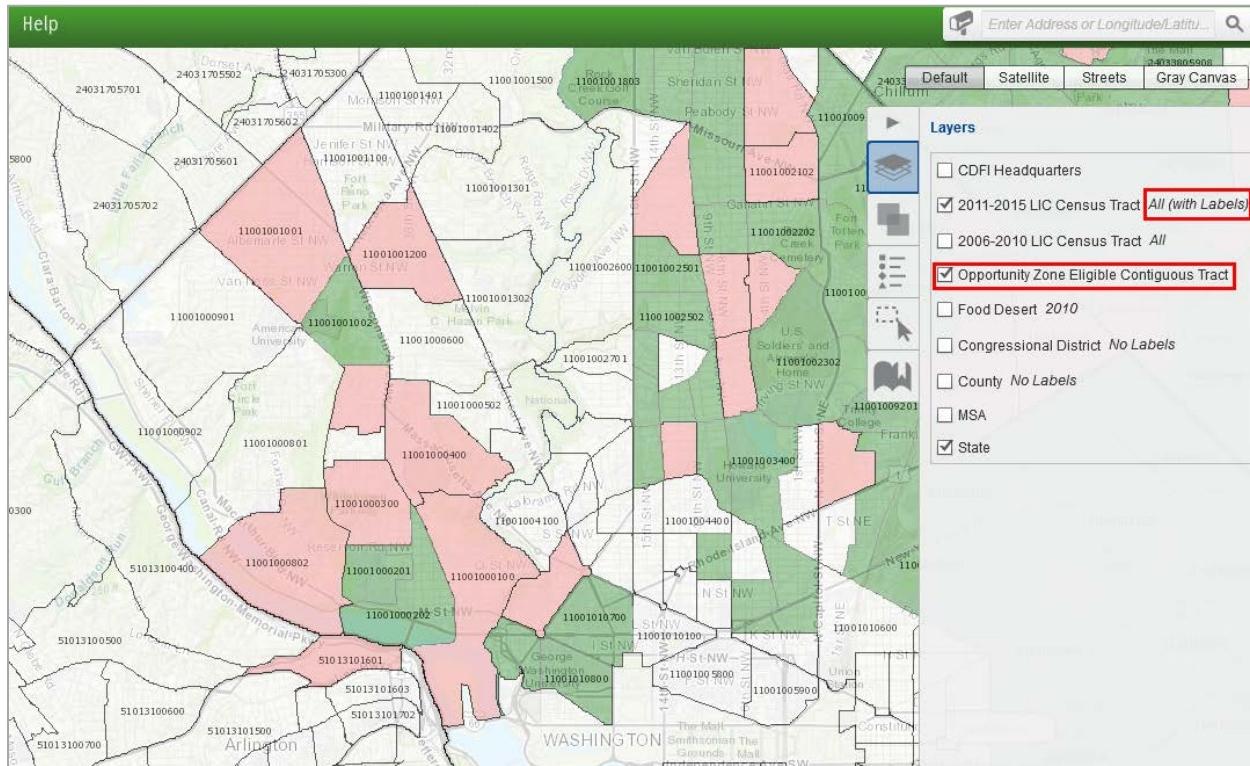


Layers are the mechanism used to display geographic datasets in the CIMS mapping application. The Layers tab allows users to show the list of available map layers and toggle the visibility (on or off) of any of the available layers. Users should be aware that in CIMS numerous layers of geography (county, tract, and individual addresses, for instance) can be displayed on the screen at the same time.

To view Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts, click on the “Layers” tab and select “Opportunity Zone Eligible Contiguous Tract.” Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tracts will appear in red.

To view census tract numbers select “All (with labels)” next to the “2011-2015 LIC Census Tract” option within the Layers tab. The 11-digit census tract numbers will appear labeled in the CIMS map as shown in the figure below.

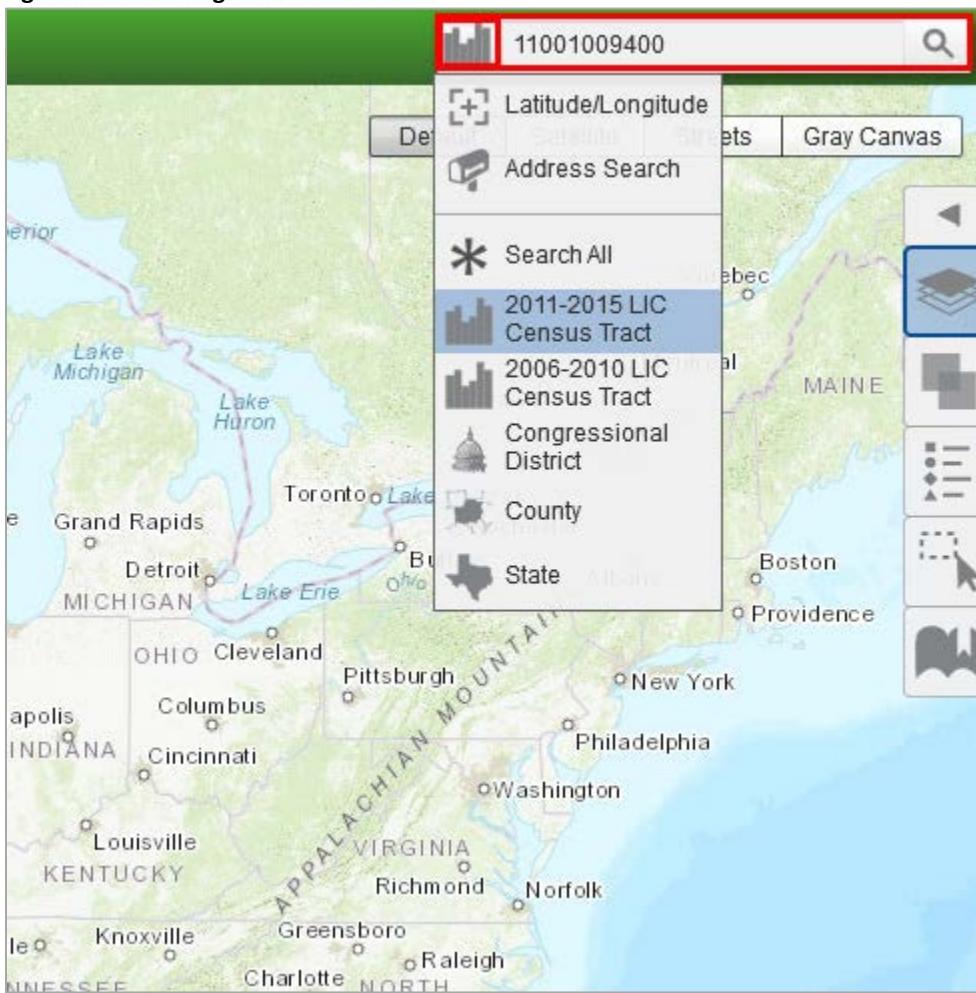
**Figure 12: Opportunity Zone Eligible Contiguous Tracts with Labels**



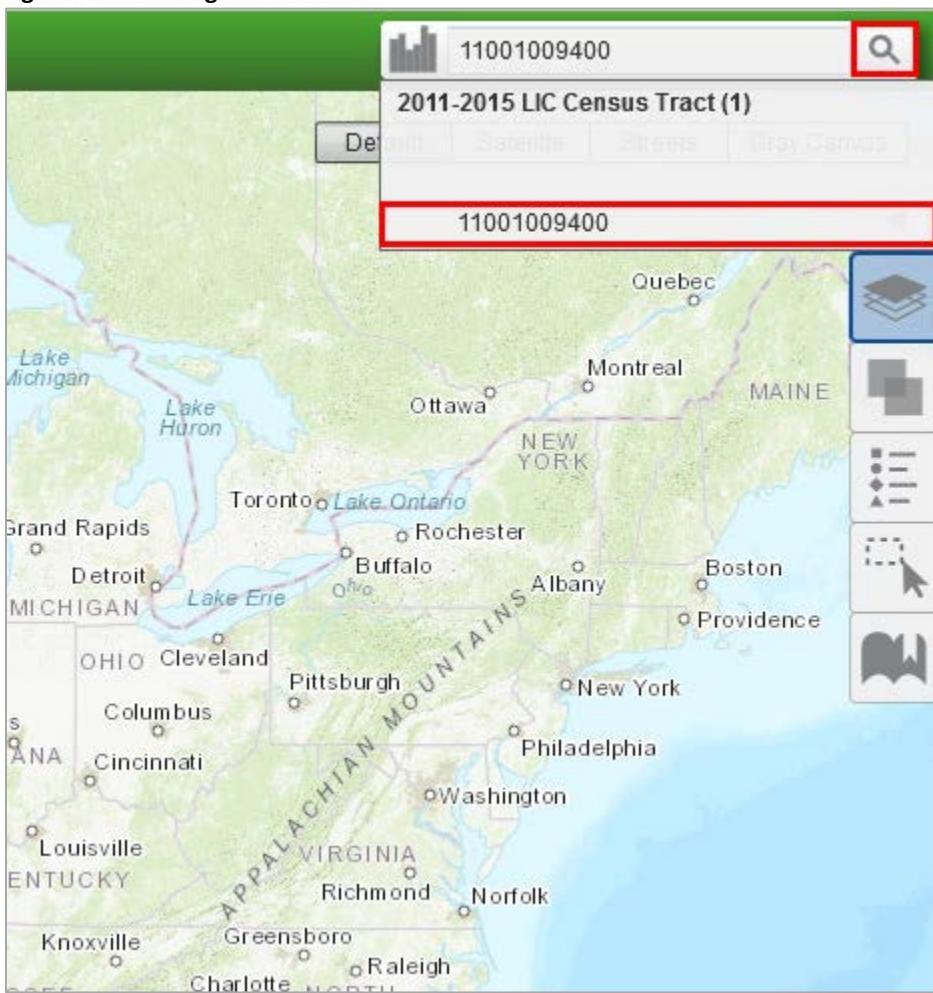
### 5.1 Selecting a Census Tract

To select and zoom in to a specific census tract, click on the mailbox on the left side of the search bar and select “2011-2015 LIC Census Tract.” Enter one of the 11-digit census tract numbers for a LIC Tract or Eligible Non-LIC Contiguous Tract, found in the Nomination Tool. In the example below, census tract 11001009400 in the District of Columbia was entered in the search bar and 2011-2015 LIC Census Tract was selected. After clicking on the magnifying glass, one tract was found.

**Figure 13: Searching for a Census Tract**



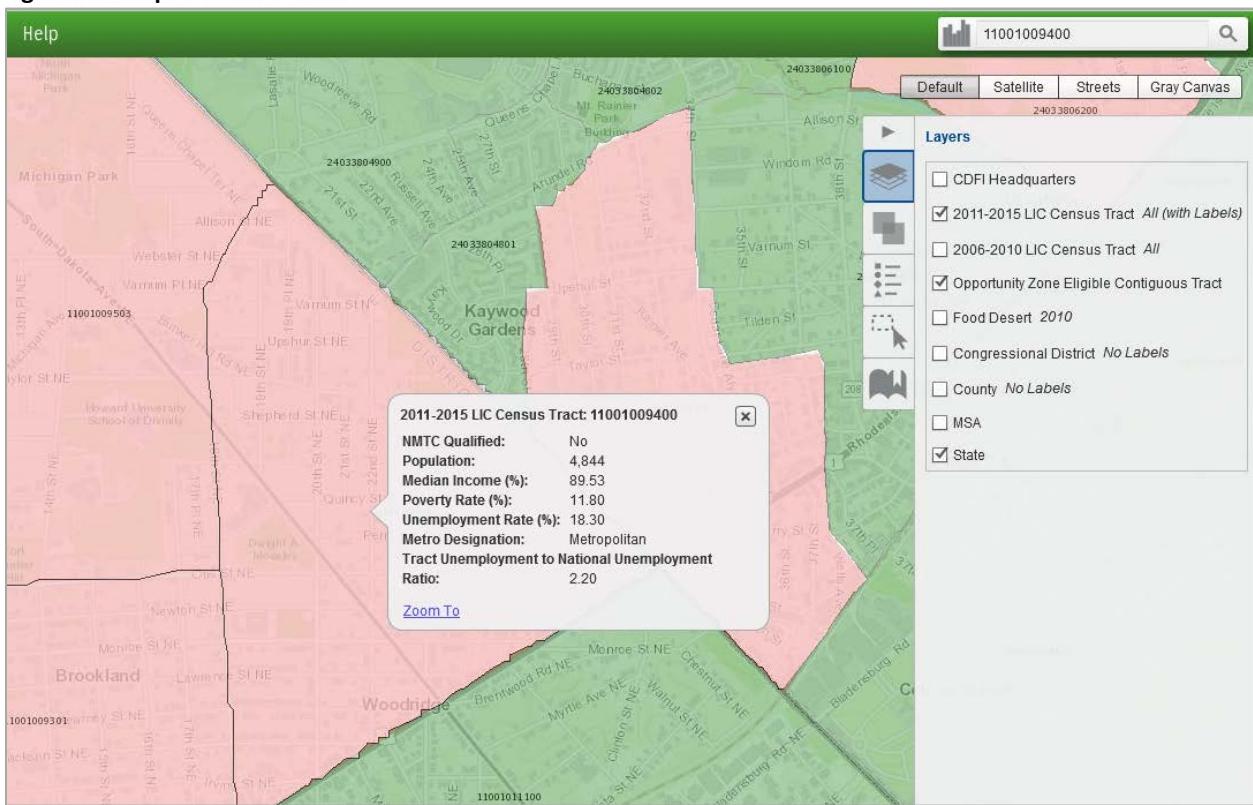
**Figure 14: Selecting a Census Tract**



## 5.2 Map of a Census Tract

By clicking on the tract number under “2011-2015 LIC Census Tract (1)”, the map will zoom in on the results of the 11-digit census tract ID entered in the search bar as shown in the figure below.

**Figure 15: Map of Census Tract**



## 6. Submitting a Nomination

The CDFI Fund is using its Awards Management Information System (AMIS) for States to submit their QOZ nominations. States will use the AMIS Service Request feature to submit all required documentation, including the Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool.

In order to use the AMIS Service Request feature, a State must register an organization in AMIS. The organization may be the office of the State CEO or the office or agency of the Authorized Representative completing the Nomination Tool. Additionally, Authorized Representatives submitting the QOZ nominations must be registered as organization “Contacts” in AMIS. This document provides step-by-step instructions, along with screen shots, to explain and guide the registration and submission processes.

If you encounter any problems with the registration or submission processes, please contact the CDFI Fund AMIS Help Desk at [AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov) or 202-653-0422.

### 6.1 The AMIS Registration Process

#### 6.1.1 Registering a New Organization and the First Contact

To register a new organization in AMIS, the registering user accesses the [AMIS Landing Page](#) and selects the login tab in the top right corner. This will display the AMIS “Terms of Use and Acceptance” and the text boxes for logging into AMIS.

**Figure 16: AMIS Login Screen**

The screenshot shows the AMIS login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for AMIS HOME, AMIS NEWS, AMIS TRAINING MATERIALS, AMIS FAQS, and a circled LOGIN button. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "TERMS OF USE AND ACCEPTANCE". A paragraph of text describes the terms of use, mentioning monitoring and auditing by the government, and prohibits unauthorized attempts to upload or change information. It also refers to the Computer Fraud Abuse Act of 1986 and Title 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and § 1030. Below the text, there are two input fields labeled "Username" and "Password", followed by a large blue "SIGN IN" button. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "Forgot your password?" and "Join our Community", with the latter being circled.

Underneath the “Sign In” button, the registering user selects the “Join our Community” link to begin the registration process. AMIS displays the New User Registration form.

**Figure 17: New User Registration Form**

NEW USER REGISTRATION

Organization Name

First Name

Last Name

EIN # 00-0000000

email: user@domain.com

Submit

The registering user completes and submits the registration form, including Organization Name, First and Last Name of the Contact, the Organization's EIN, and a **State government email address** for the Authorized Representative. (**Note: Accounts created with a non-State government email address will not be recognized as that of an Authorized Representative for the purposes of submitting a QOZ nomination on behalf of a State CEO.**) Upon submission, AMIS displays a “Thank you for registering” message and sends the following “create password email message” to the email address provided on the registration form. Note that the email address must be unique within AMIS. The AMIS Username for the registering user is the user’s email address with four digits appended to it. The Username is included in the email message.

**Figure 18: Create Password Email Message**

Welcome to Applicant

Inbox x

The CDFIFUND amis@cdfi.treas.gov via hebyxgiwf4h.t-gyzteak.na21.bnc.salesforce.com to me ▾

Dear Alice Admina,

Welcome to the CDFI Fund AMIS system To get started, please go to <https://amis.cdfifund.gov/l2Bxqubp92f51aWfpZqTUoguPBoRqPgWMcOVO5L459C25abB4oQPKHhGqndTpavv7bvtnwF>

Username: [REDACTED]

Please do not reply to this email.  
Thank you,

The CDFI Fund

Selecting the link in the email displays the AMIS “Change Your Password” page, where the registering user creates the password for the AMIS account. The password must be at least 8 characters, and contain letters, numbers, and at least one special character from the following:

! # \$ % - \_ = + < >

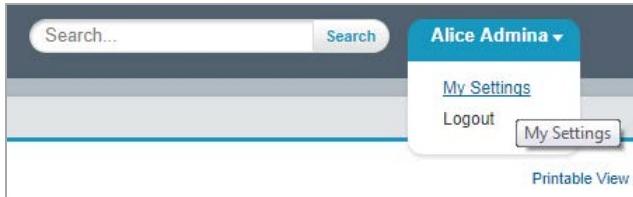
After entering the new password, the registering user is logged into AMIS. Note that there are three Contact types in AMIS: Admin User (full control); User (same as Admin User, but cannot create or change the permissions of other Contacts); and Viewer (read-only). The registering user is made an Admin User Contact for the newly created organization.

### 6.1.2 Changing the Organization’s Time Zone

AMIS creates all users in the Eastern Standard Time Zone (i.e., GMT-05:00). The CDFI Fund recommends that States not on Eastern Standard Time correct their time zone. To change the organization’s time zone, perform the following steps:

1. Select the My Settings option from the drop-down list that appears under your name in the top right corner of the screen.

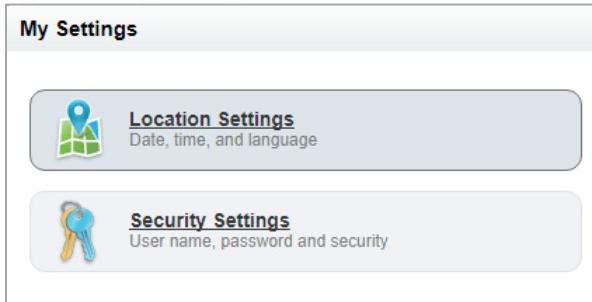
**Figure 19: My Settings Selection**



**Figure 20.**

2. This displays the AMIS Settings options. Select Location Settings.

**Figure 20: My Settings Screen**



3. This displays the Location Settings option. Select the relevant time zone from the drop-down and click Save.

**Figure 21: Location Settings Screen**

Language	English
Locale	English (United States)
Time Zone	(GMT-05:00) Eastern Standard Time (America/New_York)
<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

### 6.1.3 Registering Additional Contacts

Additional Contacts for an organization can be created in one of two ways. The preferred way is for the new user to go to the [AMIS Login Page](#) and click the “Join our Community” link. This will display the New User Registration page (see Figure 17: New User Registration Form).

The new user completes and submits the registration form. Upon submission, AMIS creates a Contact record (profile of Viewer) for that user for the organization requested. The new Contact has read-only permissions until an Admin User elevates the Profile to User or Admin User.

To elevate the Profile, the Admin User performs the following steps:

1. Go to the Contacts tab, select All Contacts from the drop-down, and click the Go! Button.

**Figure 22: All Contacts View**

View:	Recently Viewed Contacts	Go!
<input type="button" value="All Contacts"/> New Last 24 hours New This Week Recently Viewed Contacts		
No recent records. Click Go or select a view from the dropdown to display records.		

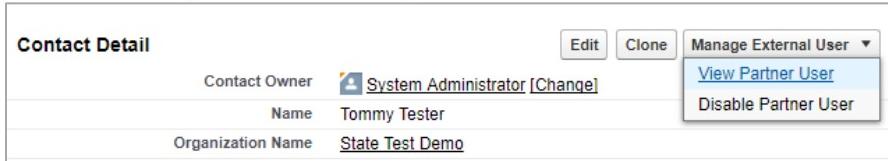
2. Click on the name of the Contact.

**Figure 21: Organization List of Contacts**

Action	Name	Organization Name	Title	Phone	Email	Contact Owner Alias
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Admin, Alice	State Test Demo			kadi501@gmail.com	brownd
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Tester, Tommy	State Test Demo			tommy@test.org	brownd

3. This displays the Contact Detail Page. Select View Partner User from the Manage External User drop-down.

**Figure 22: Manage External User Options – View Partner User**



- This displays the User Detail page. Click Edit, change the Profile setting, and click Save. For purposes of submitting designated Opportunity Zones, the CDFI Fund recommends that all Contacts be made Admin Users.

**Figure 23: Manage External User Edit Screen**

The screenshot shows the 'Manage External User' edit screen. Under 'User Information', fields include Username (tommy@test.org4112), Time Zone ((GMT-05:00) Eastern Standard Time (America/New\_York)), Locale (English (United States)), Language (English), Alias (ttest), Nickname (TT12), Email Encoding (General US & Western Europe (ISO-8859-1, ISO-LATIN-1)), Role (State Test Demo Partner User), User License (Partner Community Login), and Profile (Admin User, which is circled in red). The 'Active' checkbox is checked. A note at the bottom says 'Generate new password and notify user immediately'.

The new user will now have the appropriate type of access based on the Profile selected.

#### 6.1.4 Creating a New Contact Manually

The second way to create a new Contact is for an Admin User to create the Contact manually. To create a new Contact, the Admin User performs the following steps:

- Go to Contacts tab and click on the New button.

**Figure 26: New Contact Button**

The screenshot shows the 'Contacts' tab. At the top, there's a 'Recent Contacts' section with a table showing Name (Tester, Tommy) and Organization Name (State Test Demo). A 'New' button is located in the top right of this section. Below this is a search bar labeled 'View: All Contacts' with a 'Go!' button.

- This displays the Contact Edit page. Complete the information for the new Contact and click Save. In AMIS, the red bar indicates a required field.

**Figure 24: Contact Edit Page**

The screenshot shows the 'Contact Edit' page. At the top right are three buttons: 'Save', 'Save & New', and 'Cancel'. Below this is a section titled 'Contact Information'. It contains the following fields:

- Contact Owner: Alice Admina
- First Name: --None-- (dropdown menu)
- Last Name: (text input field)
- Organization Name: (text input field with a magnifying glass icon)
- Title: (text input field)
- Type: --None-- (dropdown menu)
- Profile: (button)

3. This creates the new Contact, but does not assign a Profile to the new Contact. Follow the steps in section 6.1.3 to make the new Contact an Admin User, User, or Viewer.

### 6.1.5 Disabling Contacts

Within AMIS, Contacts cannot be deleted or removed, but they can be disabled by an Admin User. A disabled Contact cannot log into AMIS. To disable a Contact, the Admin User performs the following steps:

1. Follow steps 1 and 2 from Section 6.1.3 to select the Contact to be disabled.
2. This displays the Contact Detail Page. Select Disable Partner User from the Manage External User drop-down.

**Figure 25: Manage External User Options – Disable Partner User**

The screenshot shows the 'Contact Detail' page. At the top right are three buttons: 'Edit', 'Clone', and 'Manage External User'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Manage External User' with two options: 'View Partner User' and 'Disable Partner User'.  
Below the buttons, there is a table with three rows:

- Contact Owner: System Administrator [Change]
- Name: Tommy Tester
- Organization Name: State Test Demo

The Contact no longer has access to AMIS.

## 6.2 The Nomination Submission Process

Once a State has registered an organization in AMIS and the relevant Contacts have been created, a Service Request can be submitted with the State's nomination of Qualified Opportunity Zones.

Once logged into AMIS, a user performs the following steps to create and submit a Service Request.

1. Go to the Service Request tab and select the New Service Request button.

**Figure 29: Creating a Service Request**

Home Organizations Contacts Service Requests App Launcher

Recently Viewed Service Requests

New Service Request

No records to display.

2. The Select Service Request Record Type page is displayed. Leave the default Record Type of “General Inquiry” and click the Continue button.

**Figure 30: Select Service Request Record Type Page**

New Service Request

## Select Service Request Record Type

Select a record type for the new service request.

Select Service Request Record Type

Record Type of new record | General Inquiry ▾

Available Service Request Record Types

Record Type Name	Description
Change Request	
General Inquiry	

3. The Service Request Detail page is displayed. AMIS initializes some fields for you. AMIS sets the Contact Name and Organization Name to your name and organization. AMIS also sets the Status to *New*, the Service Request Origin to *Web*, and the Priority to *Medium*. You need only to complete three fields, plus attach documents. The first field is Type, and it is located in the Additional Information section. For the Type field, select the value “Opportunity Zones Designation” from the drop-down list. Leave the Status, Service Request Origin, and Priority fields to their default values.

**Figure 26: Service Request Additional Information**

Additional Information

Status | New ▾

Service Request Origin | Web ▾

Priority | Medium ▾

Type | --None-- ▾

4. The last two required fields are the Subject and the Description. Enter “Qualified Opportunity Zone Nomination by <<State Name>>” for both the subject and the description.

**Figure 27: Service Request Description Information**

The screenshot shows a web-based form titled 'Description Information'. It has two input fields: 'Subject' and 'Description'. The 'Subject' field contains a single character, and the 'Description' field is empty. Below the fields are five buttons: 'Submit', 'Save & Close', 'Submit & Add Attachment', 'Save & New', and 'Cancel'.

5. Click the “Submit & Add Attachment” button, which gives you the option to add attachments to the Service Request prior to submission. The Attach File to Service Request page is displayed. It provides the unique Service Request ID for your submission (i.e., 00010889 in the example below).

**Figure 28: Attach File to Service Request Page**

The screenshot shows a page titled 'Attach File to Service Request 00010889'. A green header bar indicates 'Service Request has been submitted.' Below, three steps are listed:

1. Select the File: 'Choose File' button, 'No file chosen'
2. Click the "Attach File" button.  
Repeat steps 1 and 2 to attach multiple files.  
( When the upload is complete the file information will appear below. )
3. Click the Done button to return to the previous page.  
( This will cancel an in-progress upload. )

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**DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH:** States should attach a completed Opportunity Zone Nomination Tool along with a letter from the State CEO, on executive letterhead, confirming the nomination.

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6. To attach a document, click the Choose File button. This allows you to browse your computer for the document to attach. Once chosen, click the Attach File button. You will receive a message that the file is being attached, then you will see the name of the document displayed below the instructions, as shown in Figure 35. With a Service Request, you can attach only one document at a time; however, you can repeat the process (Figure 33, Steps 1 and 2) as many times as needed.

**Figure 29: Attach File Page Showing an Attached Document**

The screenshot shows a web-based 'Attach File' interface. At the top, there's a small icon of a folder with a document and the text 'Attach File'. Below this, a large grey box contains three numbered steps:

- 1. Select the File**  
Type the path of the file or click the Browse button to find the file.  
 No file chosen
- 2. Click the "Attach File" button.**  
Repeat steps 1 and 2 to attach multiple files.  
( When the upload is complete the file information will appear below. )
- 3. Click the Done button to return to the previous page.**  
( This will cancel an in-progress upload. )

Below these steps, a message says 'You have just uploaded the following file' followed by a table:

File Name	AOC_monitor_f19s_usermanual.pdf
Size	754KB

7. Once all of the required documents have been attached, verify that the file name(s) is displayed below the instructions and then click the Done button. Please do not click the Done button until you see the file name displayed below the instructions. Clicking Done before the files are properly attached will cancel the attachment, but you will not receive any message that the attachment was canceled.

This completes the submission of your Opportunity Zones nomination. As stated above, if you encounter any problems with the registration or submission processes, please contact the CDFI Fund AMIS Help Desk at [AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:AMIS@cdfi.treas.gov) or 202-653-0422.